

out of total irrigation, only 38% is used for cash crops by farmers having average land holding of three hectares.

(c) Encouraging or enforcing any changes in the cropping pattern to utilize the available water is in the jurisdiction of State Government. However, the Union Government have circulated a model Bill to regulate and control the development of Ground Water to all the States/Union Territories to enable them to enact suitable legislation in this regard.

**Pagladiya Dam Project of Assam**

686. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the project execution status of various phases of Pagladiya dam project in Assam;

(b) the number of families to be affected by the project and details of rehabilitation package formulated so far indicating total cost involvement;

(c) the reasons for delay in actual work and rehabilitation package and the action contemplated to accelerate such activity; and

(d) the total outlay already utilized and projected investment year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY): (a) The Pagladiya Dam Project has been approved by Government of India for execution in January, 2001 for an estimated cost of Rs. 542.90 crore. As per the construction programme, the construction works such as development of infrastructure and construction of model

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village for rehabilitation and resettlement (R&R) of oustees have been taken up. The project is expected to be completed within a period of 7 years including one year for pre-construction activities.

(b) As a whole about 3271 families are going to be affected by the construction of the project. The rehabilitation package has been formulated as per guidelines of National Draft Policy on R&R and the land policy of the Government of Assam. The details of Rehabilitation and Resettlement package are as under:-

- (i) Land for land limited to 1.07 ha. including 0.13 ha. of homestead land persons having more than 1.07 ha. of land will be provided with cash compensation.
- (ii) Since irrigation facilities with 22 tube wells have been proposed in the R&R sites which will help to raise 3 crops in Kharif, Rabi and pre-Kharif seasons respectively.
- (iii) Ex-gratia payment for landless people Rs. 10,000.00 per family.
- (iv) Displacement and Resettlement Grant @ Rs. 1000.00 per family.
- (v) Preference in employment will be given to the family of the oustees.
- (vi) Transportation grant @ Rs. 1000.00 per family.
- (vii) Compensation for other properties will be provided on actual and realistic basis.
- (viii) Rehabilitation grant @ Rs. 540.00 per family per month for one year.

- (ix) Compensation for houses will not be made separately as the same will be adjusted against the cost of construction of at R&R sites.
- (x) The oustees will be provided with modern semi-permanent houses in model villages having all basic amenities e.g. drinking water, electricity, water supply and sanitary arrangement, public health facility, primary school, community centre, market place and proper road network, children's park etc.
- (xi) In addition, there is a provision of economic rehabilitation by way of providing vocational training to the oustees in various skill/discipline along with other soft loans for their self employment.

The total cost involvement for the proposed rehabilitation is Rs. 36.00 crore.

There is no delay as such in starting the actual work of rehabilitation. A committee has been constituted for implementation of Relief and Rehabilitation package. Brahmaputra Board has taken possession of 1,950 hectare of land from Government of Assam and infrastructure work like bridges, stores etc. have been started. Tenders have also been invited for construction of model villages.

(d) The total outlay already utilised is Rs. 1.15 crore. The projected investment yearwise is as under:-

Anticipated expenditure of 2000-2001	Rs. 15.84 crore
Projected investment yearwise	
2001-2002	Rs. 41.29 crore
2002-2003	Rs. 120.00 crore
2003-2004	Rs. 135 crore
2004-2005	Rs. 121.00 crore
2005-2006	Rs. 108.61 crore